



COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING FOR 2022

Our office submitted ten projects to the Appropriations Committee for consideration. Nine of the projects were approved and will be funded as requested in 2022.

\$1,865,624 for Borough of Sinking Spring Central Business District Infrastructure Improvement Program to realign the roadways and crossroads intersections that serve a regional population of over 60,000 people in the eleven municipalities of western Berks County.

\$750,000 for the County of Berks to conduct necessary environmental and capacity studies to restore commuter rail service to Reading, Pennsylvania. When completed, the rail line will create economic opportunity for our region and reduce single-vehicle traffic on congested interstates.

\$645,609 for Chester County Electric Vehicle Charging Station Project for the installation of 26 electric vehicle (EV) charging stations at County government-owned sites throughout Chester County, Pennsylvania will help eliminate one of the largest barriers to electrical vehicle ownership and reducing carbon emissions from transportation.

\$450,000 for United Community Services for Working Families, Reading, PA to provide teenagers and young adults in an economically disadvantaged area academic, vocational, and life skills training.

\$1,450,000 for Albright College, Reading, PA to support the Science Research Institute initiative to connect Albright students and teachers with children of Reading and the surrounding area to STEM and STEAM educational opportunities.

\$271,169 for West Grove Borough to repair the Borough's 60-year-old sewer system that will cause catastrophic environmental damage without intervention.

\$500,000 for Penn State Health St. Joseph Medical Center, Reading, PA to provide medical and dental services to underserved people who live in the rural areas of Berks County with limited access to primary and specialty medical care through the purchase of a mobile community health center.

\$175,000 for Lincoln University for the development of a certificate awarding program on equity and inclusion at the United States' first degree-granting Historically Black University.

\$100,000 for United Way of Chester County, Exton, PA to support the operational costs including navigation services, counseling services, administration costs and costs to advertise The United Way's Financial Stability Center services.



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This year, our office was permitted to submit 15 project requests to the Appropriations Committee for consideration. 14 projects out of 15 will receive funding.*

\$2,000,000 for Alvernia University CollegeTowne Health Science Expansion, Reading, PA to create a local workforce pipeline for RNs and expand the program by 42%.

\$1,907,500 for Berks Latino Workforce Development Corporation-Berks Tec Centro, Reading, PA to renovate and update the current facility for training opportunities in culinary arts, medical tech, and trades.

\$216,656 for Borough of West Grove – Oakland Avenue Revitalization, Phase 1, West Grove, PA for updates to roadway, storm water system, and sidewalks

\$635,713 for Centro Hispano Daniel Torres Inc - Reading Community Health Hub Project, Reading, PA for resources and health care programs.

\$325,000 for Chester County District Attorney's Office – Forensic Technology for Investigations, West Chester, PA to acquire a Rapid DNA instrument to bolster law enforcement efficiency and improve community outcomes. *Project withdrawn from consideration, received alternate funding.

\$1,000,000 for City of Coatesville Ash Park Master Plan Implementation Phase I, Coatesville, PA, for stormwater mitigation and improved recreation services and facilities management.

\$100,000 for The Garage Community & Youth Center - After School Youth Development Program, Avondale, PA to facilitate expanded learning and life skill opportunities for underserved youth in southern Chester County.

\$750,000 for Kennett Library -New Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment, Kennett Square, PA for furnishings, fixtures, and computer equipment for the New Kennett Library and Resource Center.

\$29,385 for Keystone Valley Fire Dept. Stryker Lift EMT, Parkesburg, PA to assist EMS providers with patient safety and stabilize stretchers while loading on to EMS vehicles.

\$605,000 for LCH Behavioral/Mental Health Support, Oxford, PA to support a new system of mental health services for the Oxford community in partnership with the Borough, Oxford Borough Police Department, and LCH Health and Community Services.

\$113,520 LGBT Center of Greater Reading - Violence Reduction Project, Reading PA, To enhance and expand programs for counseling, transportation, food & toiletry pantry, workforce development, community outreach, and gun violence reduction.

\$1,056,000 Phoenixville Area Community Services (PACS) Infrastructure Upgrades, Phoenixville, PA for necessary infrastructure upgrades to increase access to food distribution hub and expand cold storage capacity.

\$750,000 Reading Housing Authority – Oakbrook Homes Center for Community Services, Reading, PA for creation of a Neighborhood Resource Center to serve as a hub for programs to address economic self-sufficiency, food insecurity, and access to mainstream health and human services.

\$200,000 United Way of Chester County - United Way Social Innovation Lab, Exton, PA to create a state-of-the-art center for community collaboration and drive economic development.

\$716,000 West Chester University - WCU Moonshot I Want to STEM, West Chester, PA to establish a comprehensive outreach, research, and mentorship program that will guide students from elementary school to a degree in a STEM field.